(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has recently made adverse remarks in this regard;

(c) if so, the action is being taken to improve the quality of performance of AIR and Doordarshan;

(d) whether inspite of a large number of complaints/suggestions about the display of undesired, obscene and highly objectionable pictures and advertisements on Doordarshan, no action has been taken to delete/modify such programmes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P M SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Prjme Minister laid emphasis on the need to compete in the matter of quality of programmes. In fact, improvement in the quality of programmes is a continuous process and all efforts are made to bring more improvement.

(d) The advertisements shown on Doordarshan are being approved strictly as per guidelines prescribed in the Code for Commercial advertising on Doordarshan.

(e) Does not arise.

Report of Fifth Pay Commission

50. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have so far received the Final Report of the Fifth Pay Commission set up for the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay indicating how much time is likely to be taken by the Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to give some interim relief to its employees pending submission of report, keeping in view high prices of all essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Final report has not yet been Submitted by the Fifth Central Pay Commission. In accordance with, the terms of reference, the Commission, is required to submit its final report as soon as feasible.

(c) The Government have already sanctioned interim relief twice—effective from 16.9.93 and 1.4.95. At present, there is no proposal to grant another instalment of interim relief Further, periodical increase in prices is compensated by granting increase in dearness allowance under the 4th Pay Commission formula.

Non-Filling of SCST Vacancies in Nationalised Banks

51. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies reserved for SOST in all the nationalised banks have been filled as on date;

(b) if not, the backlog of SOST vacancies, Bank-wise as on date and the reasons for not-filling of these vacancies in each bank;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies at the earliest; and

(d) whether any time bound programme will be set for filling up the reserved vacancies if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a> and (b)